

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO MR.  
ALBERT "ALLIE" J. ALLMAN

**HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2001*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize a close personal friend of mine, Mr. Albert "Allie" J. Allman, Jr. I have been fortunate to call Allie my friend for more than 30 years. Over his lifetime, he has dedicated himself to working for the benefit of his country, the State of Ohio and the Tiffin community.

His volunteerism began in 1943 as a Navy serviceman, and has continued in various political, social and service organizations including the City Council, the Park Board, the Betty Jane Rehabilitation Center, the Cerebral Palsy Committee, the Elks, the Sierra Club, and as a Eucharistic minister at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

While serving as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce in 1955, he aided in forming Tiffin's first industrial and economic development corporation, and in acquiring land for the Seneca County Airport and Riverview Inn Complex. From 1952 through 1961, Allie was the Director of the Community Chest, which was a forerunner of the United Way.

Although he is semi-retired after 22 years as a claims manager of United Insurance Company, Allie is still active in politics. Allie is well respected by many public officials throughout Ohio because of his ability to work with all people and see all sides of a situation.

Allie is currently secretary of the Seniors And Lawman Together (S.A.L.T.) Council, which he helped form. This organization unites seniors and law enforcement officers in working together for a safer community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues of the 107th Congress to join me in saluting Allie for his years of service to the Tiffin community and the State of Ohio. I want to also wish my dear friend, his wife Jane, their five children and their seven grandchildren all the best in their future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO DEBORAH RITTER  
PLOTZ-PIERCE

**HON. JERROLD NADLER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2001*

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Deborah Ritter Plotz-Pierce for a lifetime of educating and inspiring New York City students. A group of her most dedicated fans, students in her sixth grade class of 1963-64, will be gathering on Sunday, October 7th to thank her for the significant role she played in shaping their lives. In the words of one of her students, she sparked the imagination of her students to "achieve, accomplish, reach and claim their place in the American Dream."

After graduating from Brooklyn College, Deborah Plotz-Pierce began a career that would impact the lives of countless students.

From 1958 to 1965, she worked at PS 213 in the East New York section of Brooklyn, where she was assigned to work with gifted and talented students and their parents. After marrying Milton Plotz-Pierce and having her first child, she would begin a battle that would impact the lives of many women. After falling victim to the rules that governed pregnant New York City female teachers at that time, she filed a sexual discrimination complaint against the Board of Education. Over the course of the next four years, Mrs. Plotz-Pierce's case ascended to the Court of Appeals, whose decision led to the amendment of the New York City Maternity By-Laws to reflect greater gender equity. Her long-fought battle for equality in the system surely made a tangible and vital difference in the lives of a generation of New York City teachers.

After having her second child, she returned to the classroom, where she remained until her retirement in 1991. In 1992, Mrs. Plotz-Pierce was invited to join the teaching faculties of Touro College and the Education Department of City College. During the next seven years, she trained and mentored new teachers for the New York City Board of Education, passing her years of knowledge and experience on to the next generation.

Throughout a lifetime of learning, teaching, and mentoring, Deborah Ritter Plotz-Pierce has provided such inspiration to her students that they gather after 35 years to celebrate and thank her. She is truly a model educator, and I join her students in thanking her for a lifetime of dedication to the students of New York City.

**SCHEDULE**

**HON. RICHARD K. ARMEY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2001*

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the House has completed its legislative business for the week.

The House will next meet for legislative business on Monday, September 10 at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 o'clock p.m. for legislative business. The House will consider a number of measures under suspension of the rules, a list of which will be distributed to member's offices tomorrow. On Monday, no recorded votes are expected before 6 o'clock p.m.

On Tuesday and the balance of the week, the House will consider H.R. 2586, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002.

Mr. Speaker, the International Relations Committee has had under consideration today H.R. 2646, the Farm Security Act of 2001. The Agriculture Committee completed its consideration of the bill prior to the Summer District Work Period. As we move into next week, we will also be taking a look at this important piece of legislation as a possibility for consideration on the floor.

One final note, Mr. Speaker: Next week will be our only full week of legislative business in the House during the month of September due to the Jewish holidays that fall in the later half

of the month. After consultation with Minority Leader GEPHARDT, I released an updated September schedule to all members last month detailing the House's schedule during the Jewish holidays. If members have any questions regarding the September schedule, they should feel free to contact my floor office for more information at any time.

TRIBUTE TO DOCTOR HARVEY  
"JERRY" CLAREMONT

**HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2001*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the community of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts in celebrating the nomination of Doctor Harvey "Jerry" Claremont as the 2001 "Spirit of Shrewsbury" Grand Marshall. For many years, Dr. Claremont has been a distinguished member of the Shrewsbury community, thanks to his countless efforts to help the less fortunate.

Dr. Claremont and his wife, Anne Marie Pelletier, have long given of their time. Over the past twenty years, his family has adopted seven Korean children into their home. In addition, over thirty children have stayed with the family while they have been in this country receiving medical treatment. Dr. Claremont worked for twenty-seven years as a general and vascular surgeon while recruiting volunteers and founding Children's HealthCare and Nutritional Goals Through Education. That group has sent volunteers to developing countries in order to see patients, perform operations, and deliver medical supplies. Dr. Claremont was instrumental in creating a free medical clinic in the town of Shrewsbury that is responsible for helping uninsured patients.

Mr. Speaker, it is with tremendous pride that I acknowledge the outstanding work of Dr. Harvey Claremont. I congratulate him, and wish the town of Shrewsbury the best of luck on the 2001 Spirit of Shrewsbury Celebration.

REQUIRING A REPORT ON THE OPERATIONS OF THE STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 5, 2001*

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I support passage of this bill and would like to commend Chairman COBLE and Ranking Member BERMAN for bringing it to the full House. The State Justice Institute was established as a non-profit corporation in 1984 to award grants to improve the quality of justice in State courts and develop new and efficient solutions to problems faced by all courts.

Unfortunately, Congress has not conducted oversight over the Institute in approximately 15 years, so we have no information about how it is functioning. This bill solves that problem by requiring the Attorney General to submit a